

### **REMARKS**

Claims 69-120 are pending in the above-captioned patent application following this amendment. Claims 69-120 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Species I claims, comprising claims 69-120, were elected with traverse. The Applicants further respectfully submit that at least claims 69-70, 78-80, 88-91, 96-98, 103, 113 and 120 are believed to be generic to Species I, II and III as defined by the Patent Office. Further, claims 69-120 are believed to be subgeneric, as these claims are believed to read on both Species I and II.

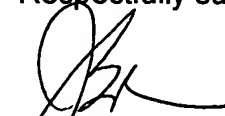
Consideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully assert that all of the pending claims, which are all directed to at least Species I, including claims 69-120, should be examined together, and that the restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn. Further, these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-487-4077 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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